(c) No, Sir. The President, District Board, has been informed that the work cannot be sanctioned for execution in the current year (1955–56) under Grants-in-aid relating to the Post-war Road Development works, as the grant available to the district board will hardly be sufficient for the works already sanctioned and that the work will, however, be considered for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan of Road Development.

Supply of Fort St. George Gazette *to Munsifs' Courts*

* 2695 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the *Fort St. George Gazette* is supplied to all the District Munsifs' Courts in the State;

(b) if not, why not; and

(c) whether the District Munsif's Court in Gudalur is supplied with the Gazette regularly?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) No, Sir.

(b) As a measure of war economy the supply of the *Fort St. George Gazette* to certain District Munsifs' Courts was discontinued. The Gazettes supplied to District Courts are circulated to the District Munsifs' Courts also.

(c) The Tahsildar, Gudalur, is exercising the powers of District Munsif at Gudalur. He is making use of the Gazette supplied to him as Tahsildar and no separate copy is supplied.

Amendments to the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act

* 2696 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state —

(a) whether it is a fact that the rules under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, were amended in March 1955;

(b) if so, whether the Government will place a copy of the same on the table of the House; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amendments have been published in the Rules Supplement to Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th March and 13th April 1955, copies of which have been supplied to the Members of the House.

(c) The amendments were considered necessary for the effective enforcement of the provisions of the Act.

School-going Harijan children

* 2697 *Q.*—Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the percentage of Harijan children of school-going age studying in elementary, Basic and

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primary schools out of the 71 per cent of boys and 43 per cent of girls mentioned in the Madras Information Annual Number, January 1955, vide page 25?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Separate figures giving the number of Harijan children of school-going age studying in primary (elementary and basic) schools are not availabe; and hence it is not possible to furnish the percentage of such children.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Non-residential scholarships for Harijans

484 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount provided by the Government for the award of non-residential scholarships to Harijan students reading in High schools and Middle schools in each district in the year 1954–55; and

(*b*) to how many students scholarships have been granted?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.

Adult schools

485 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided adult schools in the State;

(*b*) whether the Deputy Inspectors of Schools are paying (i) periodical and (ii) surprise visits to the schools;

(*c*) the amount spent on adult literacy in the Cuddalore taluk by each department such as Education, Director of Harijan Welfare, National Extension, etc.;

(*d*) the grants given and other amenities provided by the various Government departments in the districts for adult schools; and

(*e*) the salary and allowances and service conditions of teachers of adult schools?

A.—(*a*) 765.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) An amount of Rs. 15,310 was spent by the Government of all Departments on Adult Education in the Cuddalore taluk from 1st April 1954 to 30th June 1955.

(*d*) Under the modified scheme of adult education, Government aid is confined to the adult schools in the Community Projects and National Extension Scheme areas. Remuneration is paid to the

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 126 infra.